

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JOINT SENATE RULES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOHN HARP**, on January 8, 1999 at 10 A.M., in Room 413/415 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. John Harp, Chairman (R)
Sen. Bruce Crippen, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)
Sen. Steve Doherty (D)
Sen. Lorents Grosfield (R)
Sen. Mike Halligan (D)
Sen. Don Hargrove (R)
Sen. Mike Taylor (R)
Sen. Fred Thomas (R)
Rep. Larry Grinde, Chairman (R)
Rep. Douglas Mood, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Shiell Anderson (R)
Rep. Marian Hanson (R).
Rep. Emily Swanson, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Hal Harper (D)
Rep. Dan Harrington (D)
Rep. Linda McCulloch (D)
Rep. John A. Mercer (R)
Rep. Karl Ohs (R)
Rep. Paul Sliter (R)
Rep. Cindy Younkin (R)

Members Excused: Senators Beck, Swysgood, Nelson, Reps. Bergsagel and Lindeen.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Greg Petesch, Legislative Branch
Fredella D. Haab, Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: January 5, 1999

Executive Action:

CHAIRMAN JOHN HARP stated that although the Senate Rules have already been adopted we do have some amendments.

Greg Petesch, Legislative Services Division, said the amendments will make the Rules read the way they should have read based on your prior action. The new drafting system was not designed to allow striking and adding to current resolutions. When he put in the prior Session's Rules, anything that was added after a certain point and time was deleted. These changes will put back into the Rules, the Rules that you adopted last session.

CHAIRMAN HARP stated these were really Rules that were adopted in the 1997 Session.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. BECK** moved **RULES**. **Motion carried unanimously.**

CHAIRMAN HARP asked for discussion on any of the Joint Rules.

REP. HAL HARPER said he would like to have a hearing held in each House before the Second Reading.

CHAIRMAN HARP stated there were two Chambers - the House and the Senate. He thought the President had stated they are going to have discretion. The word is "may". He thought it would be determined by both Chamber and how the leaders feel in both Chambers. He thought they would be going to use their Finance and Claims Committee and Taxation Committee.

SPEAKER JOHN MERCER asked **REP. HARPER** if he would like to see the bills that come out of the Select Committee go to the regular committees?

REP. HARPER said he would like to see the taxation and appropriation bills go to the respective committees where the expertise was.

SPEAKER MERCER asked **SENATOR BOB DEPRATU**, as a leader on Jobs and Income, if he had any strong feelings or objections if some of the bills that come from his Committee are referred to other committees.

SENATOR DEPRATU felt some should be coming right out.

SPEAKER MERCER asked of the bills that are ultimately introduced and passed through your Committee, can you provide a list to the

Leadership of those that have an immediate effective date or something that would take place right away? He thought a bill that comes out of your Committee that really doesn't take immediate effect might be more right to pass along to another committee.

SENATOR VICKI COCCHIARELLA asked **SENATOR DEPRATU** what kind of participation has there been in those hearings?

SENATOR DEPRATU said the hearings that were held before the Session started had very good public attendance. Since we got started this week there has been only a few people in there.

REP. OHS stated they had a lot of public meetings before the Session started and a lot of people attended. We are just trying to fast-track these bills.

PRESIDENT BRUCE CRIPPEN commented that in the Joint Rules before we had a discussion with **Mr. Petesch, Legislative Services Division**, that each House had the option of putting a bill right directly before or putting it into a committee. They will look at them with the Leadership and with respective chairmans of Finance and Claims. If there are bills that should go to the Committee, then they will go to the Committee.

SPEAKER MERCER wanted an additional rule that would allow the presiding officer to take a bill that has been reported out by the Select Committee and put it where he wished.

Greg Petesch explained that was already in the House and Senate Rules. The Rules for the House and the Senate do not specifically address how bills from those Joint Select Committee are handled. The Rules for each House do say that if they are reported from a Committee they may be re referred by the presiding officer.

CHAIRMAN HARP asked if there was any more discussion on that particular point of **REP. HARPER**? Any further discussion on Senate Joint Resolution #1?

Motion/Vote: **SEN. BECK** moved **AMENDMENTS FROM THE 1997 SESSION.,.**
Motion carried 23-3. Voting against: **REPS. HARPER, HARRINGTON AND MCCULLOCH.**

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:15 A.M.

SEN. JOHN HARP, Chairman

Fredella D. Haab, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (rus00aad)